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1. Political re-education was carried on in the Baltic Fleet in 1950, and there were purges of the officer and petty officer personnel. The officers and petty officers of the Baltic Fleet are now 100% either members of the Communist Party or of the Komsomol. Non-party men cannot serve as officers or petty officers in the Soviet Navy.
2. As a result of the summer exercises, the Black Sea Fleet is considered to be the best fleet of the Soviet Navy in 1950. The best vessels are the heavy cruiser Molotov and the battleship Sevastopol. The Baltic Fleet is not mentioned in this connection.

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